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SUBJECT: REVALIDATION OF CONFISCATED AIRLINE TICKET AND LOST LUGGAGE - VINCENT TORHAN

1. MR. VINCENT TORHAN, WHO HAS JUST BEEN RELEASED FROM TWO-AND-ONE-HALF YEARS IMPRISONMENT IN PDRY, HOPES TO RECOVER RETURN AIRLINE TICKET TO US WHICH WAS CONFISCATED BY SOUTH YEMEN AUTHORITIES AT TIME OF HIS ARREST. TICKET WAS ISSUED IN CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY (TRAVELON TRAVEL AGENCY) AS AIR FRANCE TICKET DURING FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY 1973. A MR. THOMAS BLAKE IS PERSONAL FIREND OF TORHAN AT THIS AGENCY.

2. FOR DEPARTMENT: PLEASE TELEPHONE TRAVEL AGENCY FOR TICKET NUMBER AND OTHER INFO THAT MIGHT ENABLE AIR FRANCE TO REISSUE TICKET FOR UNUSED PORTION, INCLUDING RETURN PORTION TO THE US, OR AS AN ALTERNATIVE PROVIDE A FULL REFUND.

3. FOR FREETOWN: MR. TORHAN TRAVELED TO FREETOWN IN LATE FEBRUARY 1973 ON AIR AFRIQUE WHICH LOST HIS SUITCASE, CONTENTS OF WHICH HE VALUES AT $800-$1,000. HE SAID HE FILED A CLAIM WITH UTA OFFICE IN FREETOWN BETWEEN FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 3, 1973
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AND WAS GIVEN $50 TEMPORARY REFUND. PLEASE CHECK

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WITH UA OFFICE TO SEE IF THEY HAVE RECORD OF LOST SUITCASE AND WHAT POSSIBILITY OF RENUMERATION IS. OFFICE MAY ALSO HAVE AIR FRANCE TICKET NUMBER. IF SO, PLEASE SEND IT TO CAIRO.

4. COMMENT: WE RECOGNIZE THAT THESE ARE UNUSUAL REQUESTS, BUT MR. TORHAN HAS BEEN THROUGH EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT TWO-AND-ONE-HALF YEARS AND EMBASSY IS DOING ALL IN ITS POWER TO DEMONSTRATE USG SINCERE INTEREST IN HIS PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL WELL-BEING. EILTS

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